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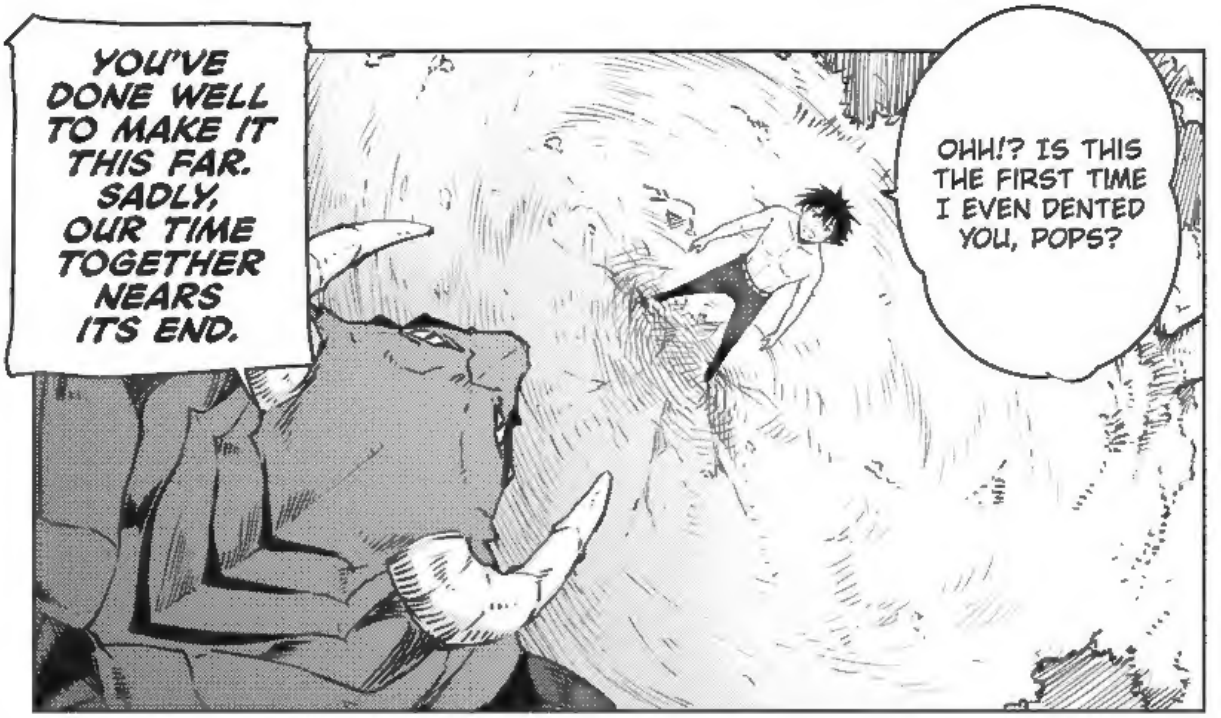
LIFE.59: TRAINING COMPLETE!
REUNITED WITH FRIENDS!!

CAN YOU DODGE THIS?
KOOOO (CHARGE)
EXPLOSION!!
DO (FWOOM)
GOOOO (BWOOM)
JUST HAVE TO IMAGINE THIS OLD-TIMER'S FIREBALL...!
BA (FLIK)

HMPH! YOU'RE FINALLY FIRING OFF ATTACKS WORTH TALKING ABOUT!
GU (TENSE)
DRAGON SHOT!
ZUPA (BURST)
BACHIN (KABHINK)

RESET.
DARAN (SLUMP)
だら…
SHUUUUU (FSSHH)
シュウウウ
THAT WAS A FIERCE ONE.
NO GOOD... I USED UP ALL MY MAGIC.
HA
HA
YET YOUR DRAGON POWER HAS CERTAINLY IMPROVED SINCE WE FIRST MET.
PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH ME EVERY DAY ON THIS MOUNTAIN HAS ALSO GIVEN YOU STAMINA.
HMPH.


YOU'VE DONE WELL TO MAKE IT THIS FAR. SADLY, OUR TIME TOGETHER NEARS ITS END.
OHH!? IS THIS THE FIRST TIME I EVEN DENTED YOU, POPS?

I'LL FLY YOU BACK TO THE ESTATE.
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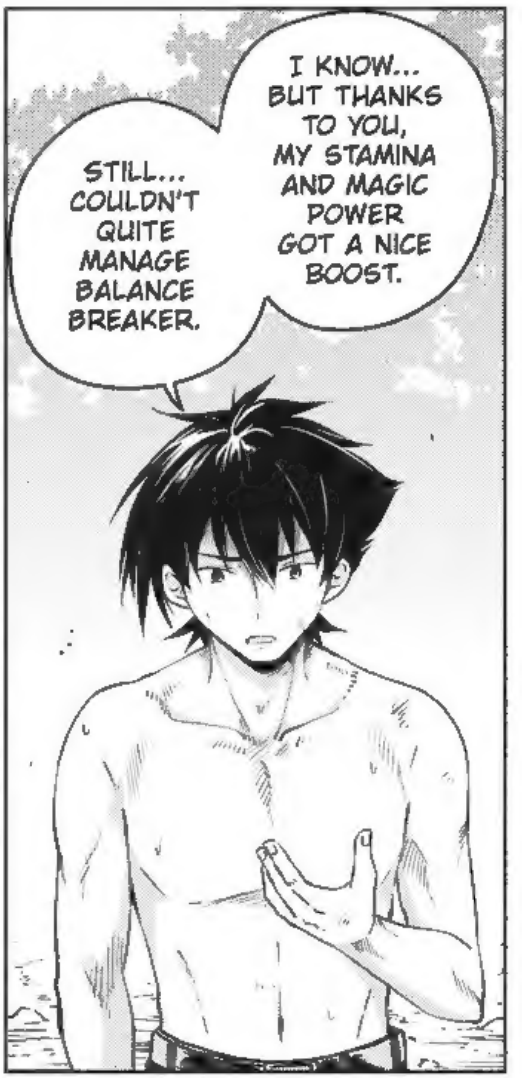
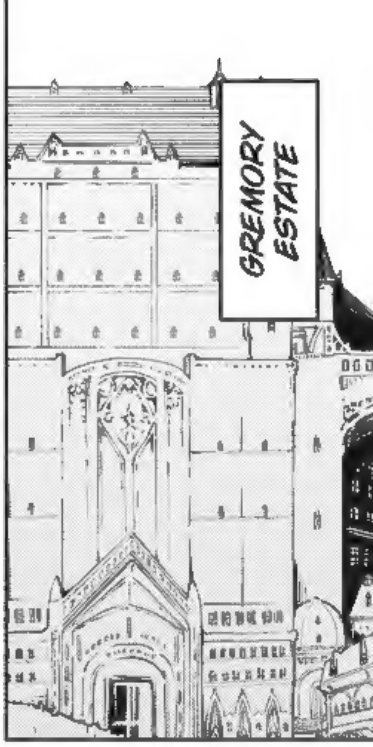

I KNOW... BUT THANKS TO YOU, MY STAMINA AND MAGIC POWER GOT A NICE BOOST.
STILL... COULDN'T QUITE MANAGE BALANCE BREAKER.

WHAT I SWORE TO KONEKO-CHAN AND THE OTHERS THAT DAY... I COULDN'T ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

I'LL BE AT THE PARTY ON THE EVE OF YOUR GAME. WE'LL MEET AGAIN THERE.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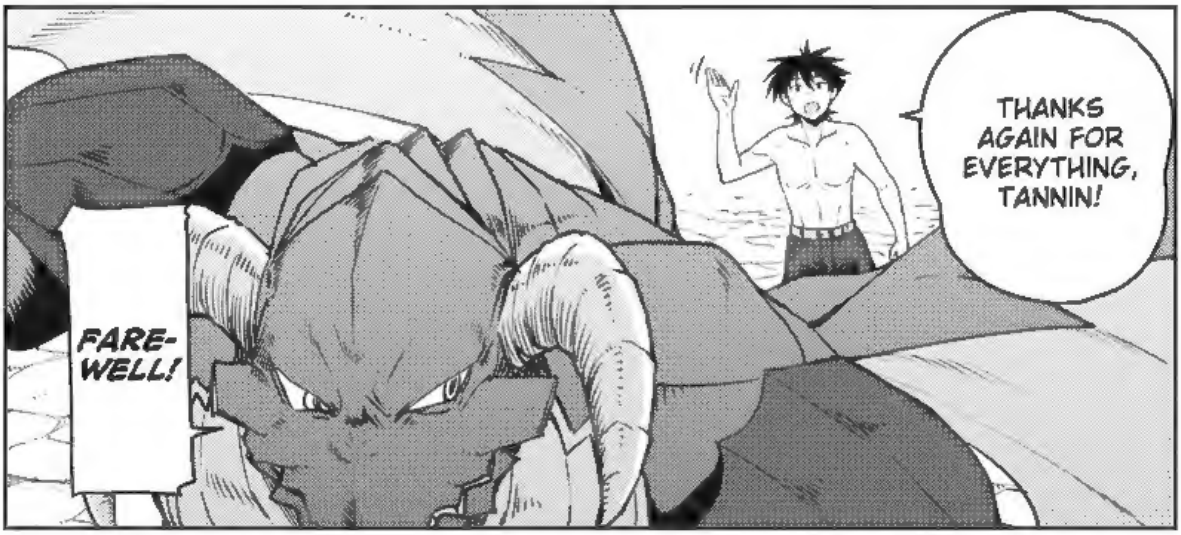
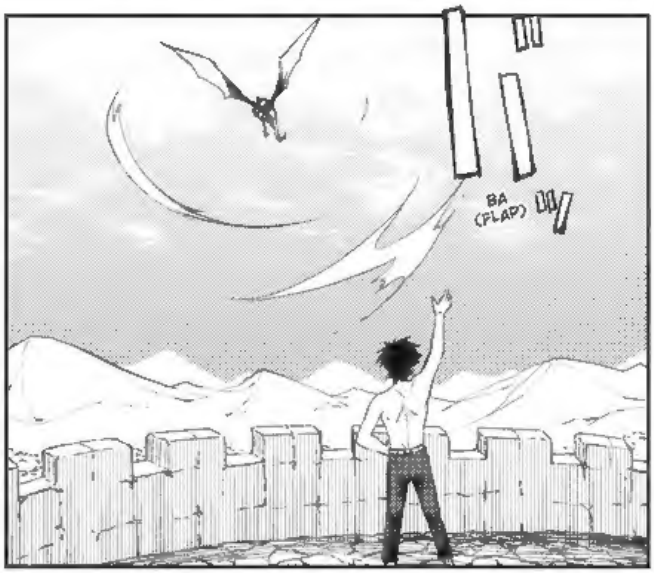

THANKS AGAIN FOR EVERYTHING, TANNIN!
FARE-WELL!

ISSEI-KUN.


BA (FLAP)

HEYA.
OH, KIBA.
SO YOUR TRAINING'S OVER TOO?
JIII (STARE)
...AND WHAT'S WITH THE 1,000-YARD STARE?
...Your body's looking pretty good.
ZOWA (SHUDDER)
C-CUT IT OUT! GET THOSE EYES OFFA ME!
BA (FWIP)
O-OUCH. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY YOU'VE PUT ON SOME REAL MUSCLE.
HEY.

XENOVIA...? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...?
OH. I KEPT INJURING MYSELF DURING TRAINING, AND THE BANDAGES JUST STARTED PILING UP... LIKE THIS.
I'LL HEAL QUICKLY, BUT JUST IN CASE...
HOW RUDE. I'M NOT TRYING TO PRESERVE MYSELF, YOU KNOW.
MU (POUT)
WHATEVER YOU SAY, MUMMY LADY.
ISSEI-SAN! KIBA-SAN, XENOVIA-SAN!
I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT GIRL...

I-ISSEI-SAN, WH-WHY ARE YOU HALF NAKED!?
!
LONG TIME NO SEE, ASIA.
BURNED...? IN A FIRE...?
AH. CLOTHES BURNED OFF.
WELL, WELL. LOOKS LIKE ALL MY LITTLE TRAVELERS ARE BACK HOME.
PIKU (TWITCH)
TERE
TERE (BLUSH)
EH HEH HEH.
AS EXPECTED, NUN OUTFITS REALLY LOOK GOOD ON YOU, ASIA.

PREEES-IDENT! I MISSED YOU!
AIII.
HAVE THOSE PECS GOTTEN THICKER?
OH, ISSEI, YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BURLY.
A.C.K.
PITA (FREEZE)
GET SHOWERED UP AND CHANGED, EVERYONE. THEN WE'LL RECONVENE AND discuss YOUR TRAINING.
GIRLS REALLY ARE THE GREATEST. I'M FINALLY HOME.
MUUU (POUT)

THEY PREPARED A COTTAGE FOR MY LODGING AS WELL.
NO. I WAS STAYING AT A GREMORY-OWNED VILLA WITH MY MASTER.
EH? YOU TWO WEREN'T CAMPING OUT IN THE WILDS!?
I WAS SURE YOU'D BAIL HALF-WAY THROUGH, SO IT WAS A BIG SURPRISE WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU'D GOTTEN USED TO LIFE ON THAT MOUNTAIN.
HA HA HA.
HUHH?
UM, SENSEI...AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT TREATED LIKE SHIT, HAVING TO HUNT DOWN DEVIL-REALM BEASTS FOR FOOD AND FIND WATER ON MY OWN!?
I WAS SERIOUSLY PREPARED TO LEAVE THIS WORLD WITHOUT KNOWING THE PRESIDENT'S WARM TOUCH EVER AGAIN! TOO MUCH, MAN!
YOU'RE HEARTLESS! I HAD TO SPEND ALL DAY EVERY DAY GETTING CHASED DOWN BY THAT DRAGON WITH MY LIFE ON THE LINE!

THOUGH, I STILL COULDN'T TRIGGER IT...
BUT I GUESS I UPPED MY STAMINA QUITE A BIT.
THAT'LL HELP ME EXTEND MY BALANCE BREAKER USAGE TIME.
EH!?
JUST WASN'T ENOUGH TIME. MAYBE IF YOU'D HAD ANOTHER MONTH...
THAT'S ABOUT WHAT I EXPECTED WITHOUT ANY REAL CATALYST.
BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCES SO FAR, BALANCE BREAKER JUST AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN WITHOUT SOME DRAMATIC CHANGE.
WELL, WHATEVER. THE PARTY'S TOMORROW. YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED FOR THE REST OF TODAY.
NO WAY! ANOTHER MONTH OF THAT LIFE, AND I'D CROAK FROM A PRESIDENT DEFICIENCY!

KON (KNOCK)
KON
EH?
BAFU (PUFF)
THIS FLUFFY BLANKET... FINALLY BACK TO GOOD OLD CIVILIZATION.
KACHA (CLICK)
ASIA? XENOVIA? WHAT'S UP?
CAN WE SLEEP HERE WITH YOU, ISSEI-SAN?
I JUST CAN'T FEEL RELAXED IN A BIG BED ALL ALONE...
YEAH, I KNOW THE FEELING. COME ON IN.

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suuu (BREATHE)
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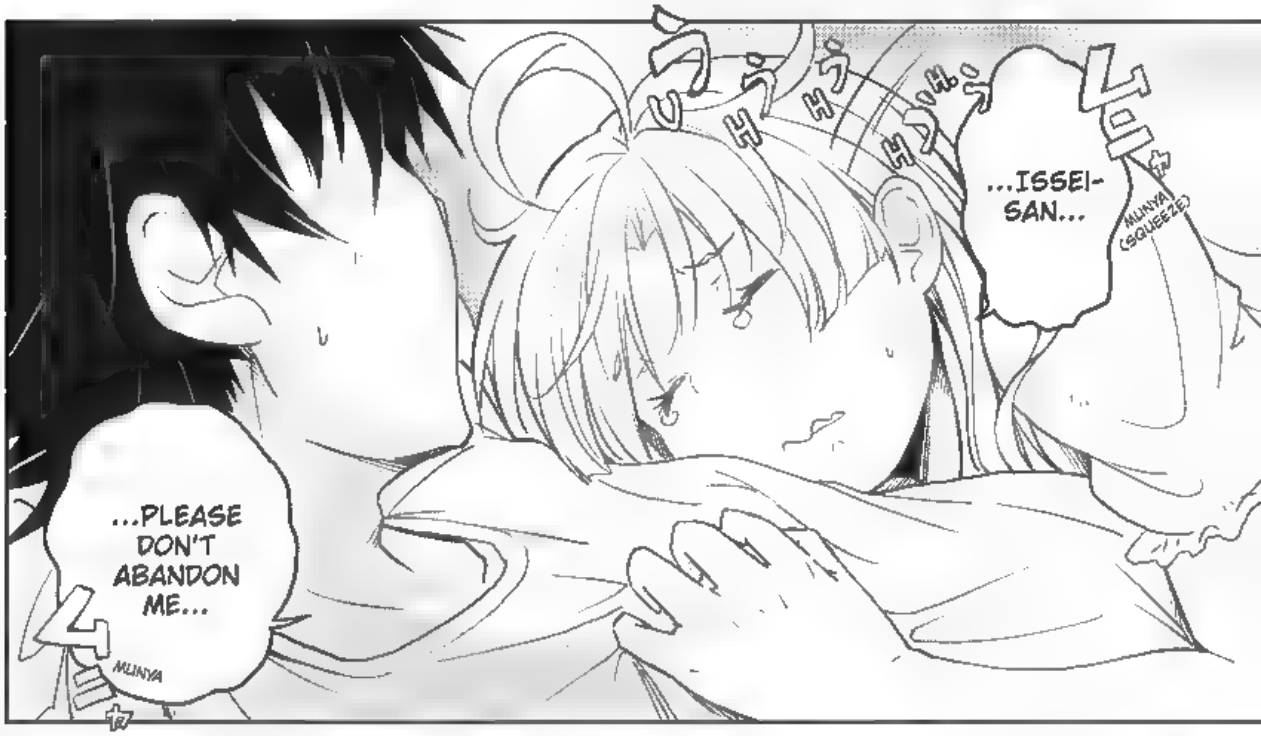
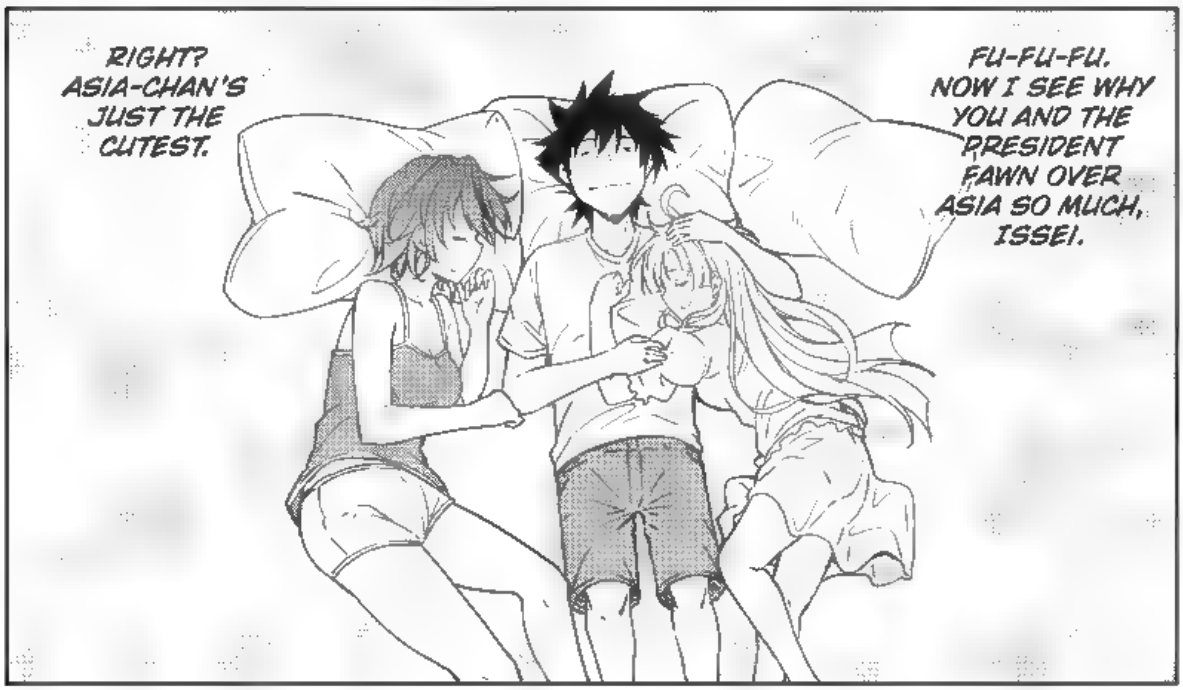
...

EVEN IN A NONSEXUAL WAY... I'M STILL NERVOUS...
...YEAH. I SUPPOSE I'M JUST NOT USED TO SLEEPING BESIDE A MAN.
...CAN'T SLEEP, HUH?
I GUESS THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS WHEN GUYS AND GIRLS AROUND THE SAME AGE SHARE A ROOM.
KORON (ROLL)
YEAH, WELL...WHEN I FIRST STARTED SLEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND ASIA, I GOT SO EXCITED I COULDN'T SLEEP EITHER.
BUT ASIA'S SOMETHING ELSE. SHE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL.
Y-YES... IT'S PERFECTLY NATURAL.
KUKAAA (BLUSH)
THAT'S BECAUSE THIS [redacted] NORMAL FOR US BACK AT MY PLACE. I FEEL REALLY RELAXED JUST LYING NEXT TO HER.

GABA (RISE)


...ISSEI-SAN...
MUNYA (SQUEEZE)
...PLEASE DON'T ABANDON ME...
MUNYA


RIGHT? ASIA-CHAN'S JUST THE CUTEST.
FU-FU-FU. NOW I SEE WHY YOU AND THE PRESIDENT FAWN OVER ASIA SO MUCH, ISSEI.

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LIFE.60: FULL SPEED AHEAD TOWARD OUR DREAMS!!

PARTY VENUE, PROVIDED BY THE DEVIL KINGS
THE PRESIDENT AND THE GIRLS RAN OFF, SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING DRESSED FOR THIS.
KYORO (GLANCE)
KYORO
CAN'T FIND KIBA OR GASPARD EITHER...

HYOU-DOU!
HMM?
OH, SAJI. YOU ALONE TOO?
YEP. THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND THE OTHERS HAD TO GET READY, SO I'M WANDERING AROUND ON MY OWN.

YEAH.
OUR GAME'S SOON, HUH.
SAME HERE. SPENT MY DAYS ON A MOUNTAIN GETTING CHASED BY A DRAGON.
I'VE BEEN TRAINING.
HYOUDOU. REMEMBER WHAT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT SAID LAST MONTH AT THE MEETING WITH THE YOUNG DEVILS?
R-REALLY? STILL DOING THINGS THE HARD WAY, HUH? MY TRAINING REGIMEN HASN'T EXACTLY BEEN A CAKEWALK EITHER, THOUGH.
YEAH. HOW HER DREAM IS TO START A SCHOOL?
I'M FIXED ON A GOAL TOO.
M-MY .....

HM
PH.
AT THE SCHOOL FOR RATING GAMES?
MY DREAM'S TO BE A TEACHER!
YEAH. SCHOOLS NOW ONLY ACCEPT HIGH-CLASS DEVILS FROM NOBLE FAMILIES.
THE TEACHERS'RE ALL NOBLES THEMSELVES, STUCK IN THEIR WAYS.
SURE, YEAH...
EVEN THOUGH LOWER-CLASS DEVILS CAN RISE THROUGH THE RANKS BY PROVING THEIR WORTH IN GAMES...
...LEARNING ANYTHING AT ALL IN THE FIRST PLACE IS A BIG HURDLE FOR MOST OF THEM. DON'CHA THINK THAT'S A LITTLE STRANGE?
THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT WANTS TO CHANGE ALL THAT. SHE WANTS TO SHOW EVERYONE THAT EVEN LOW-CLASS DEVILS CAN PARTICIPATE.

SHE'LL MAKE A SCHOOL HERE IN THE DEVIL REALM THAT ACCEPTS ANYONE!
THAT'S WHY SHE'S HARD AT WORK STUDYING IN THE HUMAN WORLD TOO!
TO GIVE THOSE SPOTS TO DEVILS WHO WOULDN'T HAVE A SHOT OTHERWISE!
HYOUDOU! IF THERE'S EVEN A CHANCE WE COULD BE HIGH-CLASS DEVILS SOMEDAY...
...EVEN JUST A 1% CHANCE— DON'CHA THINK WE SHOULD BELIEVE IN THAT AND REACH FOR THE STARS?

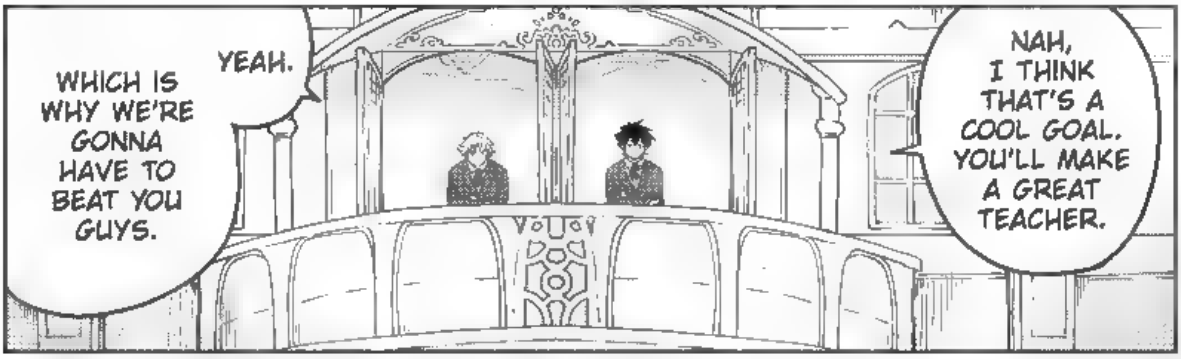
SFX: ZA (TURN)

MERA (BLAZE)
MERA (BLAZE)
THAT'S WHY I'M GONNA BE A TEACHER. I'LL STUDY AND FIGHT UNTIL I CAN PASS ON EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT BEING A "PAWN."

SFX: KYORO (GLANCE) KYORO

WE'RE BOTH PAWNS WHO BECAME DEVILS AROUND THE SAME TIME, BUT OUR PATHS ARE DESTINED TO SPLIT.
KAAA (BLUSH)
MY GOAL IS TO LEAVE MY MASTER AND BE INDEPENDENT SOMEDAY, BUT HE WANTS TO SERVE HIS FOREVER.
...SORRY. GOT A LITTLE EXCITED.

HOW ABOUT WE GO GET SOME FRESH AIR, MAN.....?
THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S DREAM IS MY DREAM TOO.
ZAWA
ZAWA (CHATTER)


WHICH IS WHY WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO BEAT YOU GUYS.
YEAH.
NAH, I THINK THAT'S A COOL GOAL. YOU'LL MAKE A GREAT TEACHER.

BY THE WAY, SAJI...
WHAT?

NOT HAPPENING. THIS GAME IS OURS TO WIN!

AFRAID NOT. WE GOTTA SHOW WHAT WE'RE MADE OF AFTER GETTING MOCKED BY THE HIGHER-UPS LIKE THAT.

...I'VE HEARD ABOUT HOW GIRLS' BOOBS ARE LIKE DOORBELLS WHEN YOU POKE THEM.
?
...COME AGAIN?
AZAZEL-SENSEI TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT, HOW BOOBS HAVE INFINITE POTENTIAL.
NOT JUST FOR GROPING. IF YOU DON'T START POKING 'EM, YOU MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO TRANSCEND THIS WORLD...
GU COLENCHO
OR SO HE SAYS.
...YEAH.
S-SIR?
I WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET TO GROPE MY MASTER'S BOOBS...

NOT LIKE MY LIFE'S JUST ONE BIG GROPE-A-THON EITHER. ONLY WHEN THE PLANETS ALIGN AND I LUCK OUT.
WH-WHO KNOWS?
LUCK OUT? WHERE'S MY LUCK, HUH!?
I DON'T HAVE IT THAT GREAT. MOSTLY, I JUST GET TO SLEEP WITH THEM, BATHE WITH THEM...
...SLEEP? ...BATHE?
WHAT THE HELL...? I'VE...NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT WITH THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.....
GAKU (SLUMP)

S-SAJI...? DUDE...
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, ISSEI.
AH. PRESIDENT.
WHOAAAA!?
THE PRESIDENT AND AKENO-SAN IN DRESSES!!

WOW! IT'S LIKE EVERYONE TURNED INTO PRINCESSES!
TERE (BLUSH)
てれ
I MEAN, YOU LOOK CUTE IN ANYTHING, ASIA!
EH-HEH-HEH. I'M NOT USED TO THIS, SO IT'S KINDA EMBARRASSING.
TERE
てれ
MUSU (POUT)
むす
HMM
ME IN A DRESS... I WONDER... DOES IT SEEM ODD?
YOU LOOK VERY REFINED TOO, XENOVIA!
SENPAI, DOES THIS LOOK GOOD ON ME?
OH! THAT REALLY DOES LOOK GOOD ON YOU, GASPARD...
...
AND YOU LOOK ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE, KONEKO-CHAN!

WAIT. WHY'RE YOU IN A DRESS TOO?
B-because I felt like wearing one...
...SAJI? WHAT'S WRONG?
THERE YOU ARE, SAJI.
TANNIN-SAMA HAS ALSO ARRIVED.
NICE. I'D BETTER GO SAY HI!

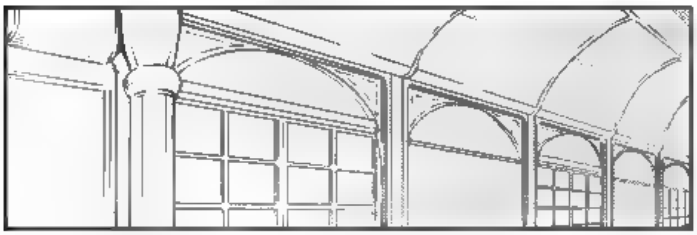
ISSEI HYOUDOU. I'VE COME, AS PROMISED.
HEEEY!
LITTLE LATE FOR THAT. CALL ME WHAT YOU LIKE.
...OH. YOU'RE AN ULTIMATE-CLASS DEVIL, SO SHOULD I CALL YOU "TANNIN-SAMA"?
THANKS, TANNIN!
DO YOU KNOW OF THE DRAGON APPLE FRUIT?
IT ALL HAD TO DO WITH THE SURVIVAL OF MY TRIBE.
I'VE BEEN WONDERING— HOW'D YOU BECOME A DEVIL ANYWAY?
NOPE. FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT.

THERE ARE SOME DRAGON TRIBES THAT CAN ONLY SUBSIST ON DRAGON APPLES.
BUT AFTER ENVIRONMENTAL SHIFTS WIPED OUT MUCH OF THE CROP, THE ONLY SOURCE LEFT WAS IN THE DEVIL REALM.
HOWEVER, DRAGONS AREN'T WELCOME HERE, AND IT'S NOT AS THOUGH THE DEVILS WOULD SIMPLY HAND OVER THE FRUIT WILLINGLY.
BECAUSE DEVILS AT ULTIMATE-CLASS AND HIGHER ARE GRANTED LAND HERE.
GOTCHA ...
BY ALLOWING MYSELF TO BE REBORN AS A DEVIL, I MADE THE FRUIT'S ENTIRE HABITAT INTO MY DOMAIN.
SO YOU DID IT TO HELP YOUR STARVING DRAGON TRIBE?

WOW, THEY DON'T CALL YOU A DRAGON KING FOR NOTHING, THEN? YOU'RE AN ADMIRABLE DRAGON.
AND NOW THEY'RE RESEARCHING HOW TO MANUFAC-TURE DRAGON APPLES ARTIFICIALLY.
YES. THEY JUST BARELY AVOIDED COMPLETE EXTINCTION.
AN ADMIRABLE DRAGON, EH? GA-HA-HA-HA! THAT'S A NEW ONE.
BUT LISTEN, BOY. EVERY SPECIES AND RACE IS THE SAME. THEY SEEK TO SURVIVE. IT'S UP TO THOSE WITH POWER TO HELP THOSE WITHOUT.
SO MAYBE MY WHOLE MIND-SET ABOUT DIVING IN HEADFIRST JUST TO MAKE A HAREM ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH?

BRUTE FORCE ISN'T ENOUGH TO GET YOU THERE, THOUGH. DO YOU BELIEVE THE CURRENT DEVIL KINGS AND AZAZEL ROSE TO POWER BY STRENGTH ALONE?
WOMEN? FORTUNE? BOTH WILL RAIN UPON YOU NATURALLY AS YOU GROW IN STRENGTH. WHATEVER GREAT CAUSE YOU'RE MEANT FOR WILL COME AFTER THAT.
THAT'S FINE FOR NOW, BUT A HAREM AS YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL? IT'S A WASTE.
A WASTE?
RIGHT... SAJI, COUNCIL PRESIDENT SOHNA, AND THE PRESIDENT ALL HAVE THESE GREAT GOALS THEY'RE STRIVING FOR.
...THIS MAY BE HARD TO UNDERSTAND, YOUNG AS YOU ARE, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE IT SOONER OR LATER.
I MEAN, I KNOW THEY'RE ALL CRAZY STRONG, BUT...
...I'VE GOTTA AIM HIGHER!
AND THE FIRST STEP TO MAKING ANYTHING A REALITY IS GIVING IT MY ALL!
I AIN'T SAYING MY HAREM DREAM IS SMALL, BUT IN TERMS OF WHAT LIES BEYOND IT...

ISSEI. YOU'D BETTER COME INSIDE.
AH, PRESIDENT.
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, TANNIN.
REALLY AND TRULY.
IT WAS NOTH-ING.



SEE YA, POPS! THANKS!
RIGHT.

SO WHERE'S AZAZEL-SENSEI?
HE'LL BE HERE AFTER MEETING WITH MY BROTHER AND THE OTHERS. THEY'RE ALL THICK AS THIEVES NOW...

TODAY'S ENEMY IS TOMORROW'S ALLY, THEY ALWAYS SAY. IT'S THE REVERSE FOR ME, THOUGH...
SIGH...
EH? REVERSE?

HA-HA-HA... GOOD TO KNOW THE TOP BRASS OF THE FACTIONS ARE HITTING IT OFF.

TO MAKE OUR DREAMS REALITY, WE WILL BE DEFEATING YOU.
SOHNA SPOKE TO ME EARLIER.
STILL, WE'RE GOING TO WIN. OUR OWN GOALS AND DREAMS ARE RIDING ON THIS AS WELL.
SAJI SAID SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING TO BE A TEACHER AS WELL. GOT ALL FIRED UP ABOUT IT...I COULD REALLY FEEL THE GUY'S PASSION.
...THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ISSEI.
YEP. I AIN'T HOLDING BACK EITHER. GONNA TAKE THEM ALL HEAD-ON AND WIN THIS THING!
DON (WHAP)

YEAH...THE DEVIL KINGS SET UP THIS SHINDIG FOR THE YOUNG UP-AND-COMERS, RIGHT?
I'LL BE TALKING TO ALL THE BIG FAMILIES, SO REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS.
KYORO
GLAD WE DON'T GOTTA TAKE IT TOO SERIOUSLY, BUT THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE...
KYORO (GLANCE)
SO THEY SAY, BUT REALLY, ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT SUCCESSORS IS JUST AN EXCUSE FOR OUR PARENTS TO LET LOOSE AND ENJOY A RARE MOMENT OF FUN.
ZORO
ZORO (CROWD)
SIRZECHS-SAMA MUST BE SO PROUD OF YOU.
OHH, PRINCESS RIAS. MORE BEAUTIFUL EVERY TIME WE MEET...
ACK!!
THE PRESIDENT'S THE STAR OF THE SHOW! SHE'S ALREADY GETTING MOBBED...

EEEEP!
Y-YESSS... I CAN'T STOP SHAKING, JUST THINKING BACK!
SOME TRAINING THAT MUST'VE BEEN...
DIDN'T YOU TRAIN TO NOT RUN AWAY ALL THE TIME?
UGHH... SO MANY PEOPLE...
KACHIN (TREMBLE)
KACHIN
WOW! THANK YOU SO MUCH.
OH, THANKS, XENOVIA.
I'VE BROUGHT DRINKS FOR ALL.
HMM?
OH, IT'S YOU PEOPLE.
YAAAY.
TOMATO JUICE FOR GASPARD.
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME AT A FUNCTION LIKE THIS...I'M SO NERVOUS THAT MY THROAT GOT DRIED OUT...
SIGH.

AH, YOU'RE...
I-IT'S BEEN TOO LONG .....RED DRAGON EMPEROR.

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LIFE.61: HEART-POUNDING AND SHOCKING? A DOUBLE REUNION!

I-IT'S BEEN TOO LONG... RED DRAGON EMPEROR.
AH...
RIGHT, YOU'RE... GRILLED CHICKEN'S LITTLE SISTER!
G-GRILLED CHICKEN...!?
I'M RAVEL PHOENIX! HMPH... IT'S FOOLS LIKE YOU WHO MAKE ME DESPISE LOW-CLASS DEVILS!!
HOW YA BEEN? AND HOW'S YOUR BRO?
...THANKS TO YOU, HE DOES NOTHING BUT BROOD ANYMORE.
UH...

RELYING ON NATURAL ABILITY HAD MADE HIM COCKY, THOUGH. IT WAS A BITTER PILL HE NEEDED TO SWALLOW.
LOSING TO YOU AND HAVING RIAS-SAMA STOLEN AWAY REALLY HIT HIM HARD.....
HA-HA-HA... YOU'RE HARSH ON THE GUY. BUT AREN'T YOU A PART OF RISER'S PEERAGE?
OH? YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT TRADES?
TRADES?
NO, NO. NOW I SERVE UNDER MOTHER, ACTUALLY.
YOU CAN DO THAT?

Bishop
King
RISER
TRADE
Bishop
UNDER THE RULES OF RATING GAMES, FELLOW KINGS CAN TRADE PIECES TO EACH OTHER.
THE TRADED PIECES MUST BE THE SAME TYPE, THOUGH.
MOM
King

AND IN THE FUTURE, HOPEFULLY... THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR MIGHT...

BUT MOTHER DOESN'T PARTICIPATE IN ANY GAMES, SO I'M ESSENTIALLY A FREELANCE BISHOP.
HUH. NEVER KNEW THAT WAS POSSIBLE.

PAA (BEAM)
I-I CAN CALL YOU BY YOUR NAME!?
UM, CAN YOU KNOCK OFF THAT "RED DRAGON EMPEROR" CRAP?
WE'RE THE SAME AGE, YEAH? JUST CALL ME "ISSEI" LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DOES, 'KAY?

...NAH. REALLY NOT NECESSARY.
"-SAMA"?
HEH HEH.
THEN I SHALL DO YOU THE HONOR OF CALLING YOU "ISSEI-SAMA" WITHOUT RESERVE.

NO, IT'S QUITE IMPORTANT!

RAVEL. YOUR FATHER'S FRIEND IS SUMMONING YOU.
...V-VERY WELL.

ANOTHER GIRL I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT...

I-ISSEI-SAMA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME FOR TEATIME AT SOME POINT?
MONYO (FIDGET)
A-AND IF YOU LIKE, I COULD PREPARE A HOMEMADE CAKE...?
MONYO

UNTIL THEN.
TOTE (TMP)
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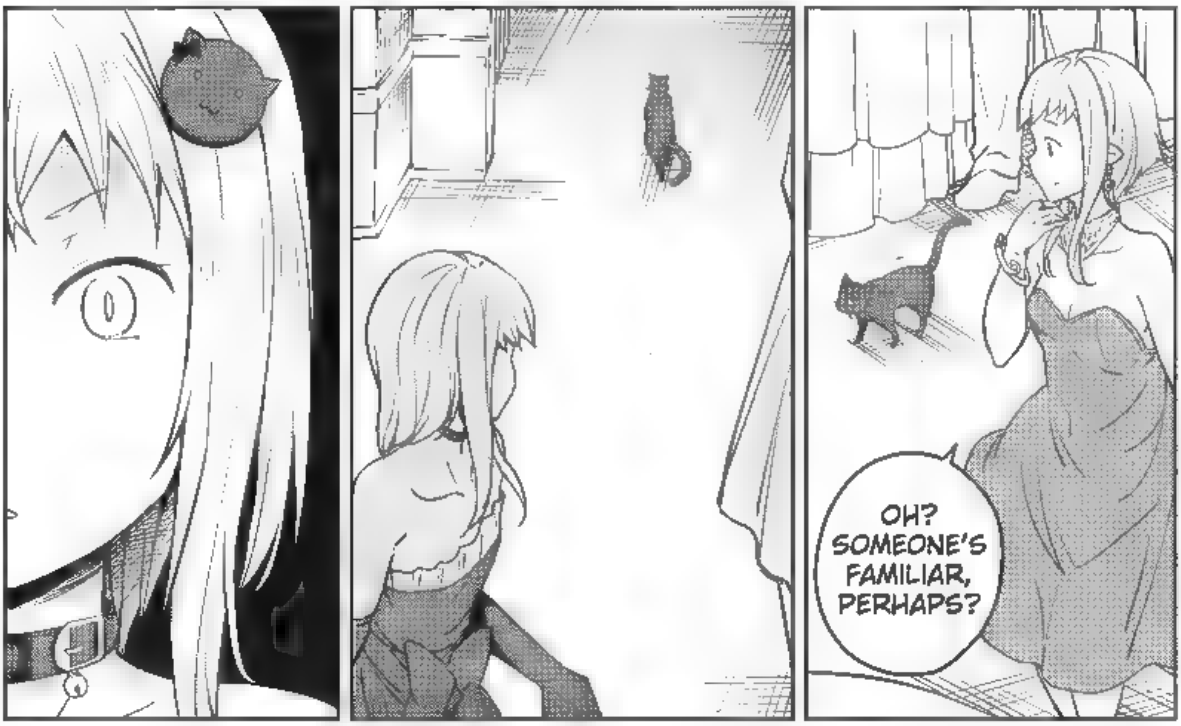
TE

YOU'RE ISABELA-SAN... RIGHT?
COULD YOU TELL HER I SAID YES TO THE WHOLE TEATIME THING?

WEIRD GIRL...
SHE CAN BE JUST AS MERCURIAL AS MY MASTER, RISER-SAMA, IN SOME WAYS...

REALLY? FU-FU-FU... I'M SURE RAVEL WILL BE THRILLED.
WELL... I'M OFF TOO. ENJOY THE PARTY.

EH? AM I...? I GUESS A LOT'S HAPPENED, SO PEOPLE RECOGNIZE ME...
...YOU'RE FAR MORE POPULAR THAN I IMAGINED, ISSEI-SENPAI...


OH? SOMEONE'S FAMILIAR, PERHAPS?

?
...SHE'S RUNNING OFF?
AH, KONEKO-CHAN? THE DEVIL KINGS ARE ABOUT TO MAKE THEIR REMARKS...
DA DASH!

R-RIGHT.
SOMETHING WAS OFF ABOUT HER... I'LL CHECK IT OUT, SO DON'T WAIT UP.
WHAT IS IT? YOU LOOK STRESSED.
JUST WORRIED ABOUT KONEKO-CHAN RUNNING OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN... AND NOW I'VE LOST HER.
HMM. THAT IS CURIOUS...
PON (POOF)
I'LL SEND OUT MY FAMILIARS TO SEARCH.

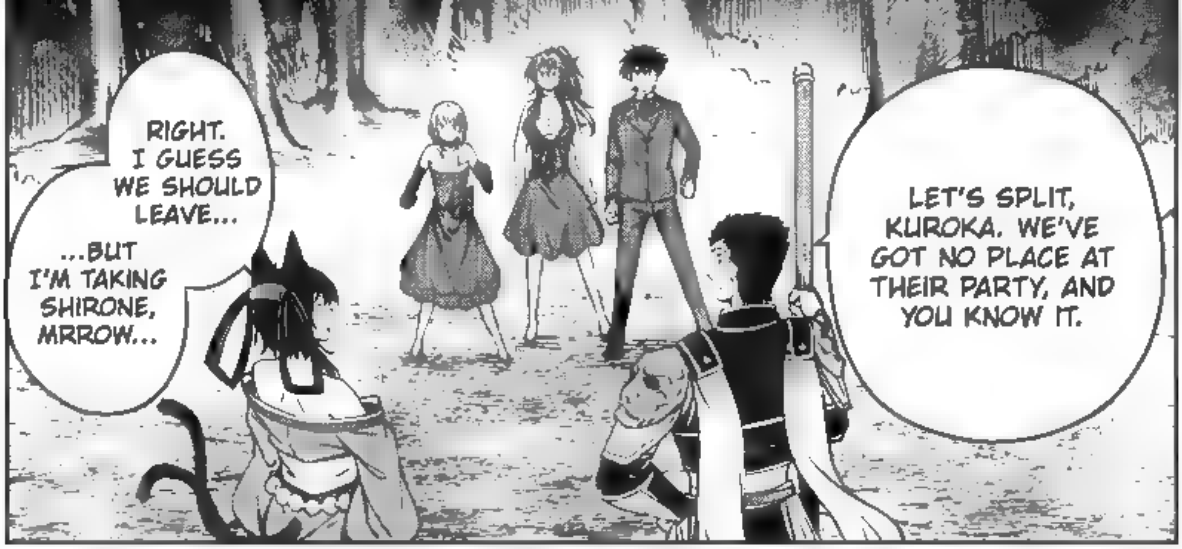
.....
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
SHE...
キキ
KIKI
キー
KII
...HEADED INTO THE FOREST?
SEEMS THEY FOUND HER.
KII (SQUEAK)
MUST BE THAT ONE!
DA (DASH)

HELLO ...
... SHIRONE.
MISS ME? ♪

SO YOU FOLLOWED THE LITTLE BLACK CAT I SNUCK INTO THAT BANQUET.
...SHITA (TMP)
...BIG SISTER..... KUROKA...!
YOUR SISTER ...
...IS TOUCHED, MRROW!
KI (SHINK)
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE .....?
KONEKO-CHAN'S SISTER!?
GASA (RUSTLE)
YO, KUROKAA.
SO LET'S SAY CURIOSITY GOT THE BETTER OF THIS CAT, MRROW. ♪
DON'T GIMME THAT LOOK. THE DEVILS ARE ALL HOLDING SOME BIG PARTY, RIGHT?

SHE'S WITH THE GREMORY PEERAGE, YEAH?
MRROW?
GASA
HE'S... VARY'S BUDDY, RIGHT!?
YEAH.
NO POINT HIDING BACK THERE, YOU TWO. OUR MYSTIC POWERS CAN FEEL YOU BY THE FLOW OF YOUR KI.
...ISSEI-SENPAI.... PRESIDENT.
TCH! THEY'RE ON TO US!
ZA (STAND)

WELL, Y'KNOW. LET'S JUST SAY... THE GUY'S GOTTEN A BIT STRONGER.
HOW'S VARY DOING?
NOT MUCH? KUROKA JUST WANTED TO CHECK OUT YOU DEVILS AND YOUR FANCY PARTY.
SHE WAS GONE AWHILE, SO I CAME TO GET HER. THAT OKAY BY YOU?
SO WHAT'S A PAIR OF TERRORISTS DOING HERE ANYWAY?
REALLY, MRROW? THE ONE EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT?
THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR.
WHO'S THIS BOY, BIKOU?


LET'S SPLIT, KUROKA. WE'VE GOT NO PLACE AT THEIR PARTY, AND YOU KNOW IT.
RIGHT. I GUESS WE SHOULD LEAVE...
...BUT I'M TAKING SHIRONE, MRROW...

...BECAUSE I COULDN'T DRAG HER ALONG WITH ME BACK THEN. ♪
VARY'S GONNA GET MAD IF YOU GO AROUND PICKING UP STRAYS.

I THINK OPHIS AND VARY'LL UNDERSTAND, ONCE THEY KNOW SHE'S GOT THE SAME POWER AS ME.
YOU MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

HEY!
YOU AIN'T GOING ANYWHERE WITH OUR FRIEND!

JUST HAND OVER THE GIRL, AND WE'LL GET OUTTA YOUR HAIR. HOW'S THAT SOUND, GUY?
SURE, SURE, YOU'RE A REAL TOUGH GUY, BUT NO WAY YOU'RE TAKING ON ME AND KUROKA TOGETHER.

AS IF, YOU DAMN MONKEY!
HUHH !?

I'M AFRAID I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DOTE ON MY LITTLE SISTER, THOUGH.
THIS GIRL IS PART OF MY PEERAGE, AND YOU WON'T LAY A FINGER ON HER.

YOU GUYS ARE ANNOYING ME, SO IT'S TIME TO DIE, MRROW! ♪
SO (PUFF)

SUOO (FSSHH)
WH-WHAT? MIST...?
AH.
SORRY, MRROW. ♪
YO, KUROKA... YOU TRYING TO GET ME TOO?
DOSA (THUD)
HUH?
NOT SURE WHAT THIS IS, BUT...
...BOOSTED GEAR!
OH? BRINGING OUT THE RED DRAGON?

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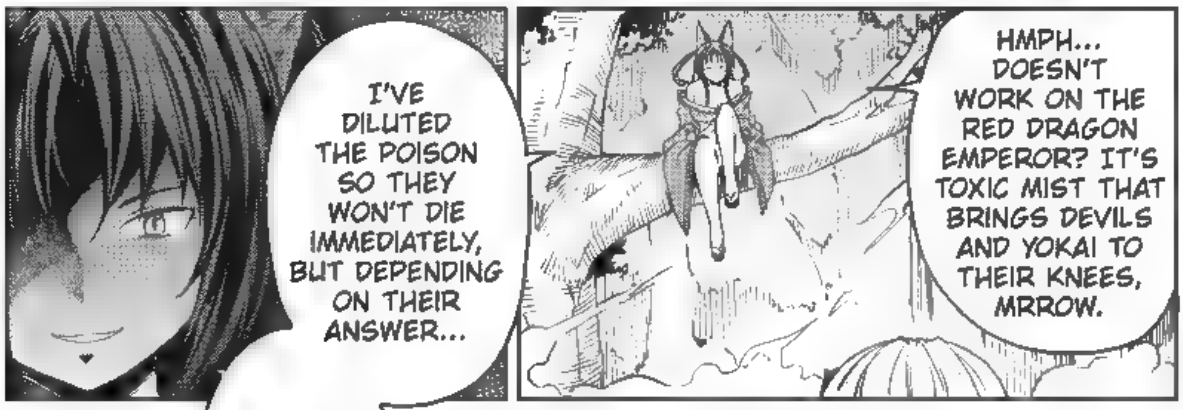
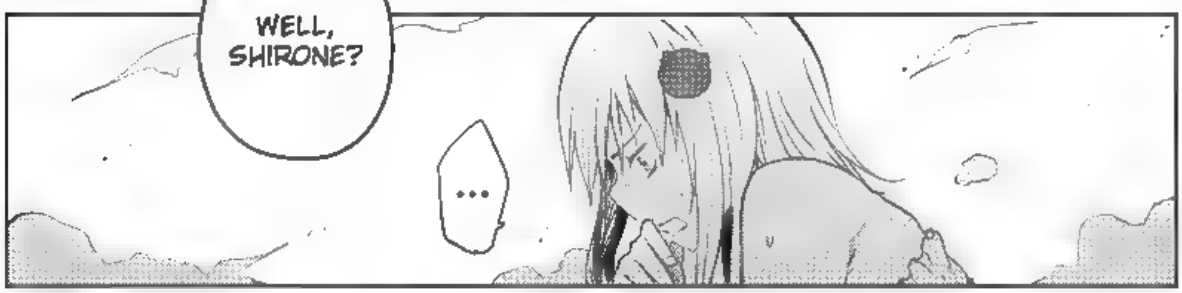
LIFE.62: CAT AND DRAGON!

PRESIDENT! KONEKO-CHAN!
WH-WHAT'D SHE...
...DO TO YOU?
...THIS IS...


HMPH... DOESN'T WORK ON THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR? IT'S TOXIC MIST THAT BRINGS DEVILS AND YOKAI TO THEIR KNEES, MRROW.
I'VE DILUTED THE POISON SO THEY WON'T DIE IMMEDIATELY, BUT DEPENDING ON THEIR ANSWER...


WELL, SHIRONE?
...

HUH ...!?

NOT A CHANCE!
BA (FWAP)

YORO (WOBBLE)
...SISTER.
YOU TELLING ME SHE'S ALL MINE, MRROW?
WHATEVER COULD BE THE MATTER?
...I'LL GO WITH YOU, SO.....
...PLEASE LET THESE TWO LIVE.
THAT'S CRAZY, KONEKO-CHAN!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? YOU'RE IN MY PEERAGE, AND I WON'T ALLOW THIS!

SHE'S ON PAR WITH ULTIMATE-CLASS DEVILS...
THERE'S LITTLE CHANCE OF YOU AND ISSEI-SENPAI STANDING UP TO HER IN THIS SITUATION, PRESIDENT...
...NO. I KNOW MY SISTER'S POWER BETTER THAN ANYONE.
...PRESI-DENT.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I CAN JUST LET YOU GO!
GASHI (GLOMP)
...NO..... I DON'T NEED THAT SORT OF POWER...
...THE POWER TO RUIN LIVES..... THAT ISN'T TRUE STRENGTH ...
DON'T YOU WANT TO GET STRONGER? YOUR BIG SISTER KNOWS HOW YOU THINK, MRROW. ♪
I CAN HELP YOU COMPREHEND YOUR POWER BETTER THAN THAT DEVIL EVER COULD, SHIRONE.

KUROKA... WHEN YOU GOT DRUNK ON POWER, YOU SCARRED YOUR SISTER IN WAYS SHE'LL NEVER FULLY RECOVER FROM.
AFTER YOU LEFT, SHE FOUND HERSELF IN HELL ON EARTH.
SHE WASN'T ABLE TO FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL WHEN I CAME UPON HER.
ABANDONED BY YOU, HER ONLY KIN...SHE HAD TO BEAR HER HATRED FOR YOU AND SCORN FROM EVERYONE ELSE...
...WHICH IS WHY I'VE MADE IT MY MISSION TO SHOW HER HOW FUN THIS WORLD CAN BE!
KI (GLARE)
SHE'S KONEKO TOUJOU, "ROOK" IN RIAS GREMORY'S PEERAGE, AND MY DEAR DEVIL SERVANT.
I WON'T LET YOU LAY A FINGER ON HER.

I DON'T WANT TO GO WITH YOU, KUROKA.
...I...
...I'M KONEKO TOUJOU ...
...AND I WANNA SPEND MY LIFE WITH PRESIDENT RIAS!
THEN YOU WILL DIE.

SHIT! THE MIST'S GETTING THICK...YOU TWO ARE IN TROUBLE!

I THOUGHT I FELT A STRANGE AURA...
OH? IS THAT...?

BUMA
SWOOSH

I SEE WE HAVE SOME UNWELCOME GUESTS AT THIS PARTY.

IT'S OLD TANNIN!
BYUGOO (WHOOSH)
HE BLEW MY MIST AWAY, MRROW...
IRA (MAD)
YOU LOOK PLEASED...I'M AFRAID HIS HEAD'S A LITTLE BIG TO BRING BACK AS A SOUVENIR, THOUGH.
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA! THAT'S FORMER DRAGON KING "BLAZE METEOR DRAGON" TANNIN! WE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO RUMBLE NOW, KUROKA!

HMM?
HAHOOO (OOH)
LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, GUY? COME TO ME, KINTO'UN!

WHOA !!
(BOOM) (BWOOM)
KOOOO (CHARGE)
AH-HA-HA! NOT BAD FOR A FORMER KING!
(HYLIN (FWISH)
!!
THE NAME'S BIKOU, ACTUALLY. NICE TO MEETCHA, YA BIG-SHOT DRAGON!
HMPH. IT'S NONE OTHER THAN GOKU, I SEE!

GAKIN (CLANG)
GA (CLASH)
DO (WHOOSH)
GUESS IT'S FINE TO LET OLD TANNIN HANDLE THE MONKEY...

THE WHOLE DEVIL REALM'LL NOTICE A FLASHY BATTLE LIKE THIS ONE, MRROW...
HUKAAA (HAA?)

BO (BURST)
JUST HAVE TO FINISH UP HERE BEFORE THEY CATCH ON.
HM?

NO...THAT DIDN'T FEEL SOLID.
OHH, DIRECT HIT!
...ILLUSORY MAGIC.
BUT IT'S NO USE.
NOT BAD.
MUKURI (RISE)
...UNLESS WE CAN READ THE FLOW OF KI, THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO DEAL WITH HIGH-LEVEL ILLUSORY MAGIC.
THEN I'VE JUST GOTTA BLOW AWAY EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!
BOOSTED GEAR!

...YOUR SACRED GEAR WON'T ACTIVATE, FRIEND.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS REALLY ISN'T THE TIME!
...HUH?
SUUUN (FADE)
ス――…
YOUR TRAINING HAS LED YOUR SACRED GEAR TO A CROSSROADS IN ITS EVOLUTION.
THE BOOSTED GEAR'S SYSTEM ITSELF IS THROWN INTO DISCORD BECAUSE THE PATH FORWARD IS UNCLEAR...
THE HELL'S THAT MEAN!?
YOUR GEAR IS IN AN AMBIG-UOUS POSITION.
SERIOUSLY? HOW'M I GONNA COME UP WITH SOMETHING "EARTH-SHATTER-ING"...?
YES. HOWEVER, IT WON'T WORK WITHOUT SOME SORT OF EARTH-SHATTERING CATALYST WITHIN YOU.
SO IT'S A CHANCE FOR ME TO MAKE THE BALANCE BREAKER HAPPEN!?

ENOUGH GAMES!
DA (DASH)
MISHI (KRIK)
OH MY. RED DRAGON-CHAN CAN'T USE HIS SACRED GEAR? I WON'T BE HOLDING BACK, THOUGH, MRROW. ♪
TAN (TAP)
BOGO (WHAM)
D-DON'T MOVE. THE POISON... IT'LL ONLY SPREAD.....!
ISSEI ...!
GWAHH!
MEKI (CRACK)

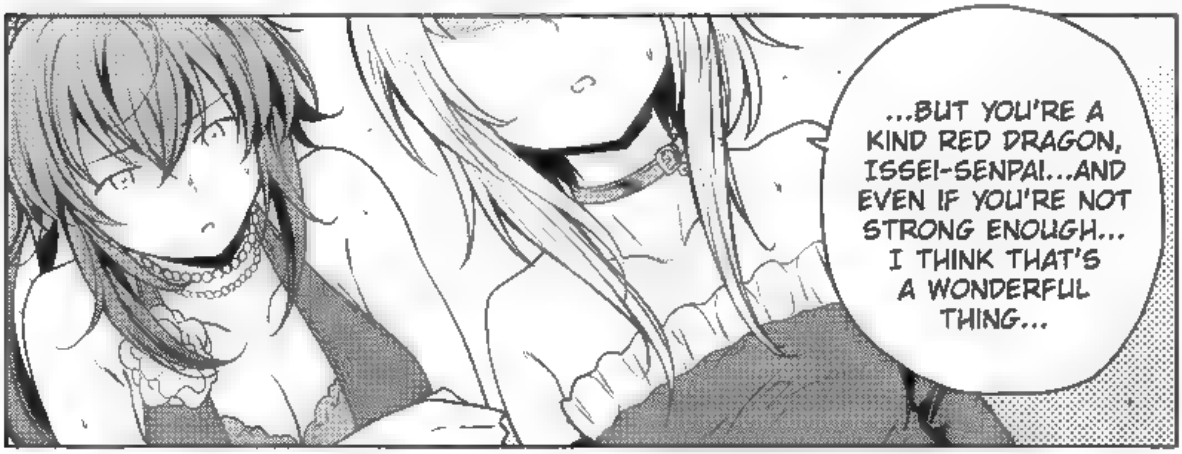
WEAK.
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE VARY'S RIVAL?
GUH...SHE REALLY GOT ME .....
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS..
ALL BECAUSE I COULDN'T SUMMON MY STRENGTH WHEN IT REALLY COUNTED...
WHEN I MADE THE PRESIDENT CRY...
LIKE WHEN I LET ASIA DIE...

YAAAWN.
SO BORING.
PON (TAP)
YORO (SWAY)
THE PEOPLE I LOVE ARE ALWAYS SUFFERING 'COS I'M JUST NOT STRONG ENOUGH.
MEKI
MEKI (KRIK)
SOME LEGENDARY DRAGON I AM.
WHAT'S THE POINT IF I CAN'T UNLEASH MY POWER UNTIL SOMEONE GETS HURT!?

GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
(SLAM)
!!
GUH...
ZURU
(SCRAPE)
BITAN
(WHAM)
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE KONEKO-CHAN'S SISTER OR NOT...
GU
(STRAIN)
...I WON'T TOLERATE ANYONE MAKING HER CRY...

SHE'D PROBABLY LIKE SOME STRONG PRINCE CHARMING TO DEFEND HER HONOR, BUT INSTEAD, SHE'S GOT YOU, ALL MUDDY AND BLOODY, MRROW. ♪
THAT MIGHT MEAN SOMETHING IF YOU WEREN'T SUCH A WEAKLING... POOR SHIRONE, THOUGH.
KETA
KETA (CACKLE)
SO GROSS.
FURA (SWAY)
...ISSEI-SENPAI.
...YOU'RE NOT SCUM, ISSEI-SENPAI.
SORRY, KONEKO-CHAN... EVEN WITH THIS LEGENDARY DRAGON IN ME, I'M USELESS...
THEY CALL ME THE WEAKEST RED DRAGON EMPEROR IN HISTORY, Y'KNOW? I'M JUST SCUM... REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKES OVER AND OVER...

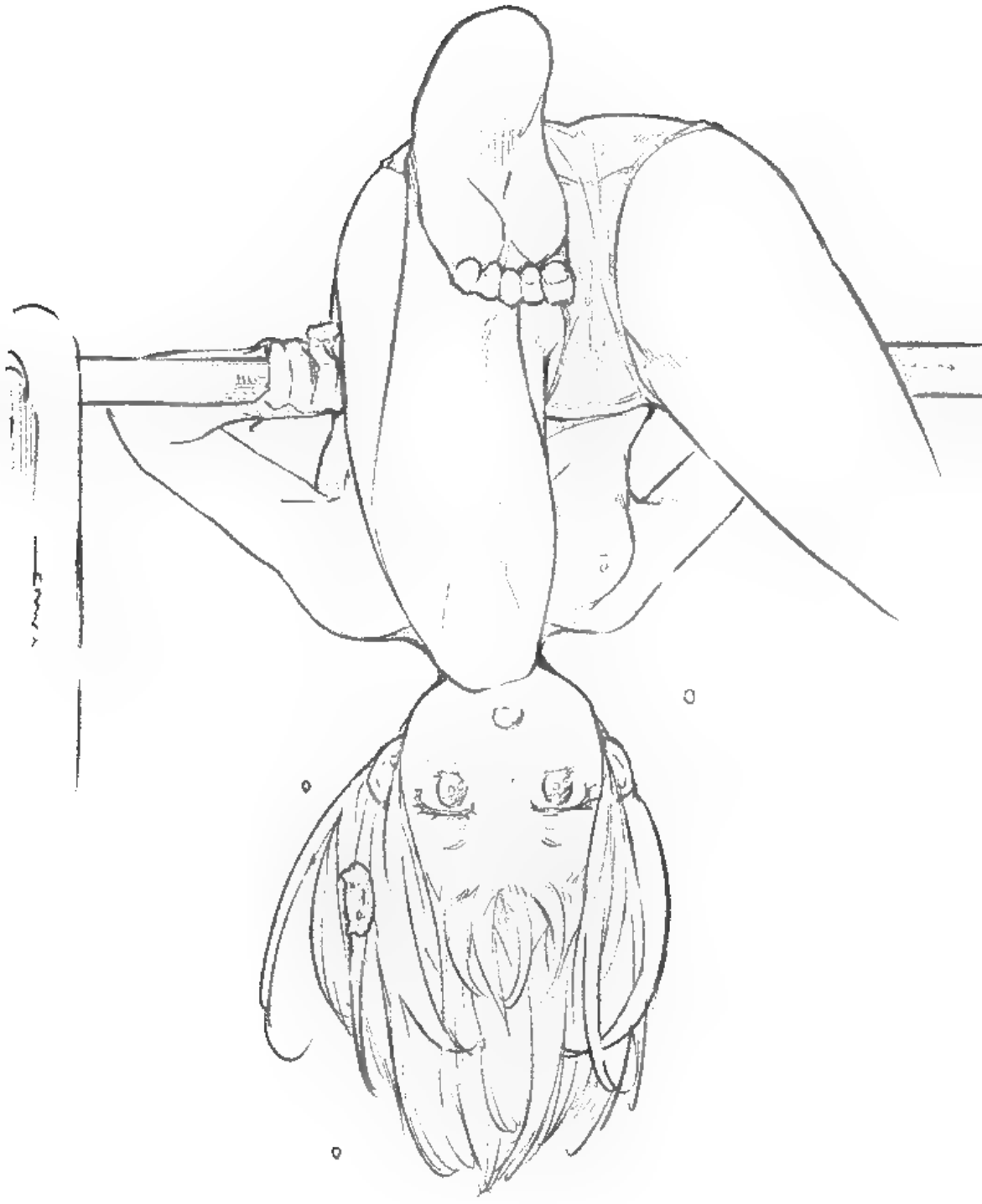
...DIDN'T YOU KNOW? MOST OF THE RED DRAGON EMPERORS HAVE DROWNED IN THEIR OWN POWER AND RAMPAGED...
...JUST LIKE MY SISTER... ABSOLUTE POWER BUT NO HEART... THEY CHOSE THE PATH OF DESTRUCTION FOR THEMSELVES.


...BUT YOU'RE A KIND RED DRAGON, ISSEI-SENPAI...AND EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH... I THINK THAT'S A WONDERFUL THING...

...YOU'LL BE THE FIRST KIND RED DRAGON EMPEROR ■ ALL OF HISTORY.
SO...

...PLEASE BECOME A KIND AND CARING WELSH DRAGON...
...PRESIDENT, I THINK I'VE REALIZED WHAT'S BEEN MISSING— WHAT I NEED TO TRIGGER MY BALANCE BREAKER.

AND I'M GONNA NEED YOUR HELP TO ACTIVATE IT.....
...VERY WELL. I'D BE HAPPY TO LEND YOU MY STRENGTH.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
LET ME POKE YOUR BOOBS.
ZAWA (WHOOSH)



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LIFE.63: RIGHT OR LEFT!? DOORBELLS OF FATE!!

...FINE.
R-REALLY!? I CAN POKE 'EM!?
IF THAT'S WHAT'S NEEDED TO FULFILL YOU...
GU
GU (TUG)
GU
GOKUBI (GULP)
GU (TUG)

バァ
BUBAA (SPLORT)
PORON (BOYOING)
ぽぃ
...QUICKLY, NOW. TH-THIS IS EMBAR-RASSING.
WHOAAAA
H-HEY! THIS IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE PLACE!

I NEVER KNEW THE EXTENT OF YOUR IDIOCY, THEN! WERE ALL THOSE DAYS OF TRAINING FOR NOTHING!?
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE I'LL ACHIEVE MY BALANCE BREAKER BY MESSING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S BOOBS!
- SUTA (TMP)
HEY. BIKOU.
IS THIS SOME SORT OF TACTIC?
?
THAT GIRL JUST EXPOSED HER CHEST. SEEMS TO BE DOING SOMETHING WITH THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR?
DON'T ASK ME. THE RED DRAGON'S TRAIN OF THOUGHT RUNS THROUGH HIGHER DIMENSIONS THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE.

SENSEI'S WORDS HAVE BEEN WEIGHING ON MY MIND EVER SINCE THEN.
BECAUSE I NEED A DRAMATIC SHOCK TO MY SYSTEM TO ACHIEVE THIS BALANCE BREAKER.
I'M DETER-MINED!
IT'S LIKE PRESSING A DOORBELL. DO IT RIGHT AND SHE'LL RING FOR YOU.
SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRESSING INTO HER BOOB, GET IT?
YOU'RE NOT JUST FUCKING HER NIPPLES. YOU GOTTA REALLY SQUISH YOUR FINGER IN THERE.
ZA- (STAND)
SO! DOING IT FOR REAL OUGHTA SPARK THAT CHANGE!
THINKING ABOUT POKING THOSE BOOBS IS WHAT GOT ME THROUGH DAYS AND DAYS OF HARSH TRAINING...
HEARING THAT FROM SENSEI DEFINITELY FELT LIKE A DRAMATIC SHOCK INSIDE ME.
AAAAA!!

DOKI
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DOKI (BADUM)
WHAT TO DO...
HEY, TANNIN...
HMM?
...RIGHT BOOB OR LEFT BOOB? WHICH SHOULD I POKE!?
GAKU (SHUDDER)
GAKU

YOU SERIOUS? 'COURSE THEY AIN'T THE SAME! THIS IS MY ALL-IMPORTANT, FIRST-EVER DOORBELL POKE!
LIVES ARE ON THE LINE, SO GIMME A SERIOUS ANSWER!!
FOOL! LEFT OR RIGHT, IT'S ALL THE SAME! JUST DO YOUR POKING AND ACHIEVE YOUR BALANCE BREAKER!
ENOUGH, YOU IDIOT! JUST POKE BOTH AT ONCE, THEN!!
GUI CLIP?

THAT'S MY MASTER FOR YA...
PORO (DRIP)
...GIVING ME THE PERFECT ANSWER.
...GET IT OVER WITH.
KAAA (BLUSH)
BI (FWIP)
AH.
...RIGHT.

ZUI
HAAH.
HAAH.
ZUI (THRUST)
DOKI (BADUMP)
DOKI
...
PURU (TREMBLE)
PURU
PIKU (TWITCH)
NN...
KUNI (PWIMP)
ZUMU (SQUISH)

AHHH...
BIKU (TWITCH)
PURUN (JIGGLE)
SOME MASSIVE, EXPANDING FORCE TAKING OVER MY BRAIN.
IT WAS LIKE A REVOLUTION INSIDE MY BODY.
AND THROUGH ENDLESS WAVES OF TEARS...
...I SAW...

...THE ORIGINS OF THE UNIVERSE.

WELSH DRAGON
BALANCE BREAKER!!!

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LIFE.64: FROM OUT OF NOWHERE! THE WORST KIND OF RED DRAGON EMPEROR!!

YOUR BALANCE BREAKER! AT LONG LAST!
...ISSEI.
KUMA CBLUSHD
WAS THERE REALLY NO OTHER WAY!?
BOSO CMUTTERD
...YOU'RE THE WORST KIND OF RED DRAGON EMPEROR.
DID I MISHEAR "KIND" AS "THE WORST KIND OF"...?
SIGH...

THIS IS GETTING GOOD.
HA HA HA.
OHH.

YOU CAN MAINTAIN THE FORM FOR THIRTY MINUTES... YOUR TRAINING REALLY PAID OFF.

WELL DONE, FRIEND. BUT YOUR RIDICULOUS METHODS COULD MAKE A DRAGON WEEP...
SORRY, DDRAIG. SO...HOW LONG CAN WE FIGHT?

LIKE I ALWAYS DO...
SLI (FWIP)

MAINTAIN FOR THIRTY... AND FULL-ON FIGHTING FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN, THEN?
YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN NEED THAT LONG. TRY FIRING OFF AN ORDINARY MAGIC ORB.

EH?
EH?
EH?

DO
(FWOOM)

GOOON
GOOOMS
...
NOW WE'RE TALKING.
FU FU FU...
I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT CRIMSON BLAST IN QUITE SOME TIME!
HA HA HA
FINE, LET'S PLAY!
AH
HA
HA
HA

NEED TO GUARD...
...BUT WHICH ATTACK DO I BLOCK!?

BEFORE I GET HIT, I GOTTA ...
DA (DAGU)
...TAKE THE FIGHT TO YOU!!
SHURURU (WRAP)
GISHI (TWIST)
BO (WHIFF)
TOO BAD.
...
DIE.
DOGO (KABOOM)

ISSE!!
ZU (FSSHH)
I MIGHT'VE GONE OVER-BOARD, MRROW?
TEE HEE
ZU

ガラ
GARA (CRUMBLE)
!
THAT ALL YOU GOT?

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LIFE.65: FIERCE BATTLE! KUROKA VS. RED DRAGON EMPEROR!!

NOW, THEN...
KOOOOO (CHARGE)
...IT'S MY TURN!
BASHU (BURST)
DON'T GET SO COCKY!
VUN (HUMM)

DO
(BLAM)
DO
DO
DO

DON'T YOU EVER MAKE MY CUTE LITTLE KOUHAI CRY AGAIN.

!
BA (LEAP)
NEXT TIME YOU GO AFTER KONEKO-CHAN, MY FIST AIN'T GONNA STOP SHORT.
YOU MAY BE A WOMAN, AS WELL AS KONEKO-CHAN'S SISTER, BUT TO ME, YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN AN ENEMY!
...YOU DAMN BRAT!

TCH...
NIYA (GRIND)
NIYA
I'M LOVING THIS! HAVEN'T SEEN THAT ANGRY MUG OF YOURS IN A LONG WHILE, KUROKA!
CAN I JOIN THE FUN, THOUGH? NO WAY I'M MISSING OUT ON A FIGHT LIKE THIS!
SO YOU'RE ANOTHER BATTLE-CRAZED LUNATIC LIKE VARY...? THERE'RE WAY MORE FUN THINGS IN LIFE, Y'KNOW!
MORE FUN? NOT ANYTHING I CAN THINK OF!

WAKI (TWITCH)
WAKI
LIKE FONDLING BOOBS! OR POKING 'EM!
SURE THERE ARE!

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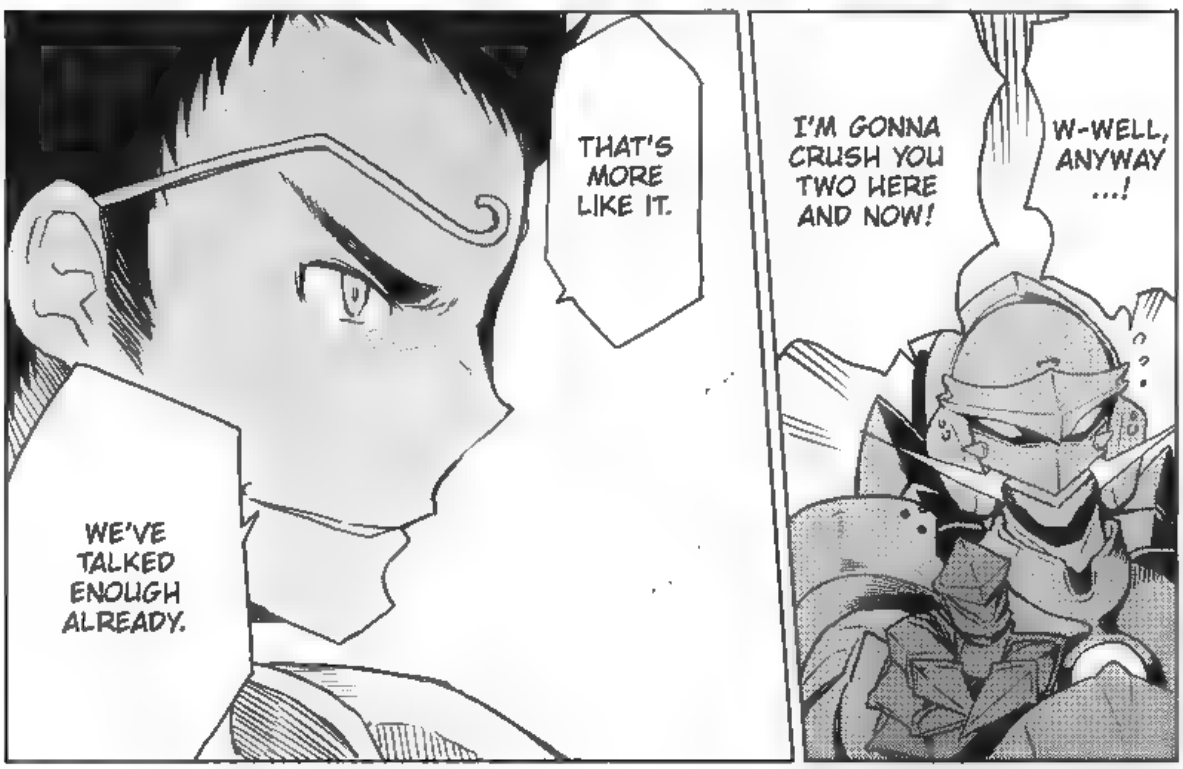
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
WE'VE TALKED ENOUGH ALREADY.
I'M GONNA CRUSH YOU TWO HERE AND NOW!
W-WELL, ANYWAY ...!

YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK, KUROKA.
A BREAK? NOT A CHANCE. I'M DONE PLAYING.
GREAT. HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR SERIOUS FACE IN A WHILE EITHER.
READY TO DO THIS, POPS?
WITHOUT A DOUBT!

ISSEI, JUST BUY US A LITTLE MORE TIME ...!
I FOUND AN OPENING TO LET LOOSE SOME FAMILIARS. BACKUP SHOULD BE HERE SHORTLY...!

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LIFE.86: ATTACK! ULTIMATE HOLY BLADE!!

THE POISON MIST'S EFFECTS HAVE WORN OFF.
NOW WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGHT TOO ...!

IT'LL TAKE A FEW MINUTES FOR REINFORCE-MENTS TO ARRIVE.
THESE OPPONENTS ARE UNKNOWN QUANTITIES... EVEN FOUR-ON-TWO COULD STILL BE RISKY.
WE JUST HAVE TO BUY TIME FOR NOW!
KUROKA!

EVERY ELITE DEVIL WILL BE CHARGING TOWARD THIS SPOT SHORTLY!
I'VE CALLED IN BACKUP!
RIGHT. THIS AIN'T A SUREFIRE WIN, SO IT'D BE GREAT TO END IT WITHOUT MORE FIGHTING...
RETREAT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST.
YOU NEVER EVEN INTENDED TO FIGHT ANYONE HERE, RIGHT?
RETREAT?
WHY?

AND BACKUP?
JUST MORE CORPSES FOR THE PILE.
SHE'S...!
SHE'S NOT BACKING OFF.
YO.

HOW ABOUT YOU STOP INTERFERING?
BECAUSE WE...

...WANNA PLAY WITH THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR.

YOU DAMN MONKEY!
GET AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENT!
WHEN'D THAT BASTARD GET OVER THERE!?

DO GWHAAD
HEH.
...KEEP YOUR EYES FORWARD, ISSEI-SENPAI. PLEASE STAY FOCUSED!
O-OKAY!!
QUICK THINKING, KONEKO-CHAN...
...AN ILLUSION.

AN UNSHAKABLE WALL, STANDING TALL TO PROTECT MY KING.
...I'M A ROOK IN THE GREMORY PEERAGE.
YOU COMING WITH ME OR NOT?
GUESS I'LL ASK JUST ONE MORE TIME, SHIRONE.
...THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE SO MUCH TO PROTECT ME.
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO PROTECT PRESIDENT RIAS.

COUNTING ON YOU, KONEKO-CHAN!
BOOST!!
U-HA-HA! BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!!

STOP RIGHT THERE.

KUROKA, BIKOU... I NOTICED YOU WERE LATE RETURNING.
UNBELIEVABLE ...
WH-WHAT? ANOTHER FRIEND OF THEIRS!?
WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT HANDLE ANOTHER ONE!
A BLADE THAT CLEAVES DIMENSIONS ...

BE ON GUARD.
THAT'S THE HOLY KING SWORD, COLLBRANDE. ALSO CALLED CALIBURN.
IT SEEMS THE WEAPON KNOWN AS THE STRONGEST HOLY SWORD IN EXISTENCE HAS FOUND ITS WAY TO THE WHITE DRAGON'S SIDE...
THIS GUY'S TROUBLE! MY HEAD'S THROBBING JUST LOOKING AT HIM!!
STRONGEST HOLY SWORD IN EXISTENCE!?
UWAHHH!
OH? PIQUED YOUR INTEREST IN HOLY SWORDS, HAS IT?
KACHA CHAKO
THAT SWING BEFORE SHOULD TELL YOU THAT THIS IS NO ORDINARY BLADE.

EXCALIBUR WAS SPLIT INTO SEVEN SWORDS, AND XENOVIA AND IRINA HAD TWO OF THEM...
I'D HEARD ONE HAD GONE MISSING. THIS MUST BE IT...
THIS IS THE FINAL EXCALIBUR, ONLY DISCOVERED RECENTLY, "EXCALIBUR RULER."
SURA (SLIP)
SURE YOU SHOULD BE BLABBING ABOUT THAT?
SO WHY'RE YOU HERE ANYWAY?
AREN'T YOU VARY'S ATTENDANT?

I'VE COME TO PICK YOU TWO UP.
BUT, YES.
OH, HAVE I SAID TOO MUCH?
IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID PURSUING SUCH SELFISH ENDEAVORS.
Ah... Sure. I'm done.
HUH!?

...FINE, THEN.
I'M ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN SOME OF THEIR ALLIES.
FUUU (HISS)
KIBA AND XENOVIA?
YOU. RED DRAGON EMPEROR. GIVE MY REGARDS TO THOSE WHO WIELD THE HOLY DEVIL SWORD AND DURANDAL.
AS A FELLOW SWORDSMAN, I'D APPRECIATE AN AUDIENCE WITH THEM SOONER OR LATER.

EHHH?
...IT'S TIME TO RETURN.
NOW, BEFORE THEIR REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE...
GUI
GUI (SHOVE)
...
ZU
ZU
ZU (WARP)
FAREWELL, RED DRAGON EMPEROR.

SO...
...WHO WAS THAT GUY WITH THE GLASSES ...?
THE OTHERS ARRIVED SOON AFTER.
IN LIGHT OF THE KHAOS BRIGADE'S UNEXPECTED VISIT, THE WHOLE DEVIL KING EVENT WAS PROMPTLY CANCELED.

QUITE THE COMMOTION HERE.
HMPH. THESE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR WILD PARTIES...
CAN'T EVEN BE BOTHERED TO GREET AN OLD MAN PROPERLY.

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THIS WAS DISGRACEFUL.
THIS WAS TEAM VARY, THE KHAOS BRIGADE'S INDEPENDENT ATTACK SQUAD.
GOKU, ALSO KNOWN AS "BIKOU," THE NEKOMATA "KUROKA," AND A MAN WIELDING THE HOLY KING SWORD, COLLBRANDE.

EACH WOULD REPRESENT A SIZABLE THREAT ON HIS OR HER OWN, SO A TEAM OF THREE...
YOU DEVILS' ABILITY TO KEEP THESE THINGS IN CHECK IS...

...SIGH. THE SCOLDING NEVER STOPS ONCE SHEMHAZA GETS GOING... SHEESH.
BUT ISSEI ACHIEVING HIS BALANCE BREAKER WAS A HAPPY ACCIDENT... BET HE REALLY ENJOYED IT.
HEH HEH HEH.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

ODIN.
THINKING OF SOMETHING CLEVER, PERHAPS?
OHH! LONG TIME NO SEE, YOU OLD BUMPKIN FROM THE NORTH.
AND HERE I FIND THE BRATTY FALLEN ANGEL I ONCE KNEW, BREAKING BREAD WITH LIFELONG ENEMIES?
HAH! UNLIKE YOU STALE, OLD-FASHIONED NORTHERN GODS, WE TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE. WHY KEEP UP TROUBLESOME RIVALRIES WHEN WE COULD PROMOTE OUR OWN INTERESTS INSTEAD?
FITTING WORDS FROM WEAK, WHIPPED DOGS.
NOTHING MORE THAN A PLAYDATE BETWEEN CHILDREN WHO'VE LOST THEIR PRECIOUS GOD AND DEVIL KINGS.

SIRZECHS. I RECEIVED YOUR INVITATION TO WATCH THIS GAME.
...CHIEF GOD OF THE NORTH, ODIN-DONO.
GOOD TO SEE YOU...

AND NOW HE'S A TERRORIST? THE FUTURE OF ALL DEVILS HANGS IN THE BALANCE.
BUT I HEAR YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLES TOO? WITH THE OLD LUCIFER BLOODLINE AND THEIR WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR.

AS SHARP-TONGUED AS EVER, ODIN-SAMA.
OHH, SERAFALL. WHAT SORT OF COSTUME IS THAT?

Oh, you don't know? I'm a magical girl. ☆
HMPH...SO THIS IS WHAT'S POPULAR WITH YOUNGSTERS NOWADAYS?
NOT BAD, I MUST SAY.
ENOUGH OF THAT INDECENCY, ODIN-SAMA!
DA (STOMP)
DA
DA
DA
HEH HEH..... NOT BAD AT ALL.
SO STUFFY, THAT ONE.
AND EXACTLY WHY SHE'LL NEVER MAKE A PROPER WARRIOR.

SORRY. THIS IS MY ATTENDANT.
APOLOGIES FOR BEING LATE.
I'M THE ATTLE IDEN, SW—
SHE'S GOT LOOKS AND TALENT, BUT THAT STUFFY ATTITUDE KEEPS THE MEN AWAY.
I-I'M A VALKYRIE WHO'S BEEN WITHOUT A MAN AS LONG AS I'VE LIVED!
EVEN THOUGH... I REALLY WISH... I HAD A BOYFRIEND... UGHH.....
(FIDGET)
SFX: ZUUUN (GLOOM)
NEVER MIND THAT, THOUGH. I'M HERE FOR YOUR RATING GAME.
IT'S GOING TO BE YOUR RELATIVES FIGHTING EACH OTHER, SIRZECHS? SERAFALL?
PITTING FRIENDS AGAINST FRIENDS... JUST THE SORT OF POOR TASTE I'D EXPECT FROM DEVILS.

WELL TOO BAD BECAUSE MY LITTLE SOHNA-CHAN IS GONNA WIN. ☆
THERE'S NO HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE, I'M AFRAID, IF MY SISTER CAN'T CLAIM THIS VICTORY.

...UNDER-STOOD.
YOU FINISH UP HERE, SHEMHAZA. I'VE GOT A MEETING.
ANYWAY, TAKE IT EASY, YOU OLD COOT.

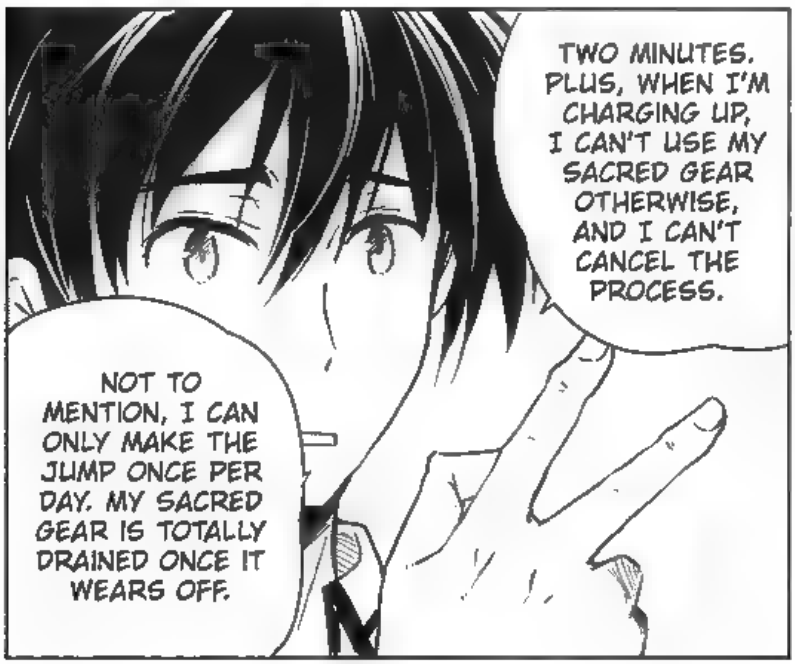
HEH.
YOUR LITTLE BRATS AND THEIR SPECTACLE... IT SHOULD BE ENTERTAINING.
FU HO HO.

IF YOU WERE UP AGAINST RIAS, WHO WOULD YOU TARGET FIRST?
...
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, AZAZEL?
WHAT?
I THINK EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS WHY.
ISSEI.
...WHEN HE'S TAKEN OUT OF PLAY, IT'S HARD TO SAY WHETHER THAT'LL CHARGE THEM UP OR BRING THEM DOWN...
THE FLOW OF THE ENTIRE GAME DEPENDS ON THAT.
I DO BELIEVE THEY HAVE WINNING POTENTIAL WITHOUT HIM, BUT...
HE'S THE ONE KEEPING THE WHOLE TEAM IN GOOD SPIRITS.

LET'S GET THIS MEETING STARTED.
THE BIG GAME'S TOMORROW, FINALLY.

UMM...I CAN PULL IT OFF NOW, BUT THERE'RE A FEW SPECIAL CONDITIONS.
FIRST, MAKING THE TRANS-FORMATION TAKES SOME TIME.

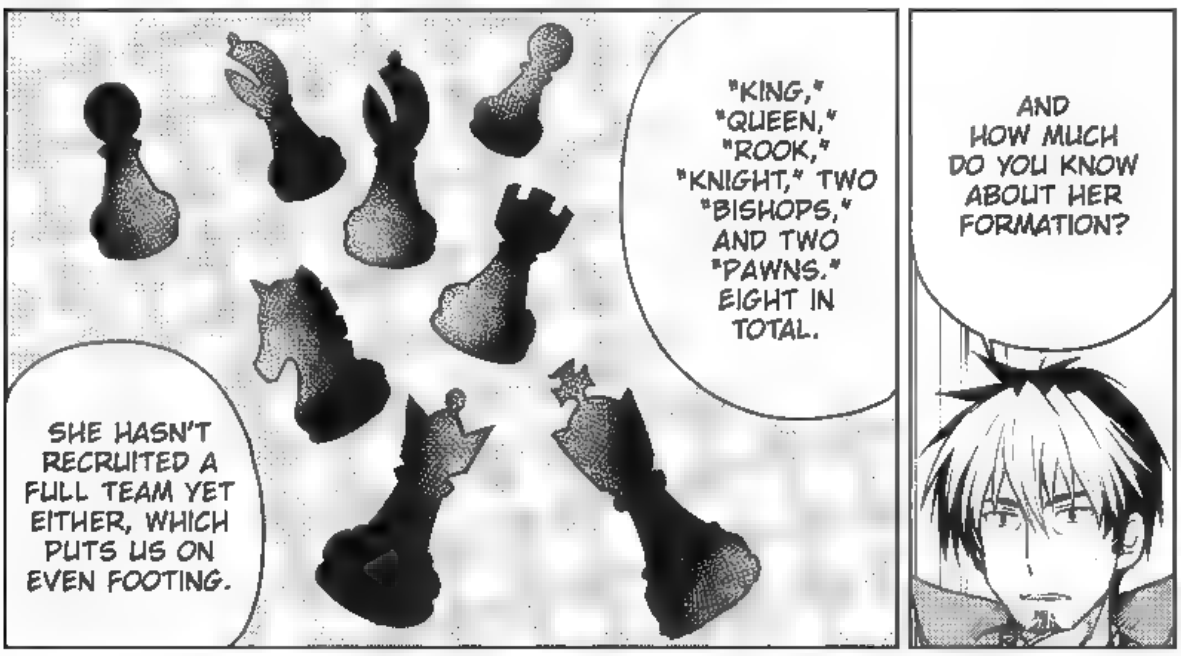
HOW'S YOUR BALANCE BREAKER, ISSEI?


TWO MINUTES. PLUS, WHEN I'M CHARGING UP, I CAN'T USE MY SACRED GEAR OTHERWISE, AND I CAN'T CANCEL THE PROCESS.
NOT TO MENTION, I CAN ONLY MAKE THE JUMP ONCE PER DAY. MY SACRED GEAR IS TOTALLY DRAINED ONCE IT WEARS OFF.

HOW LONG?

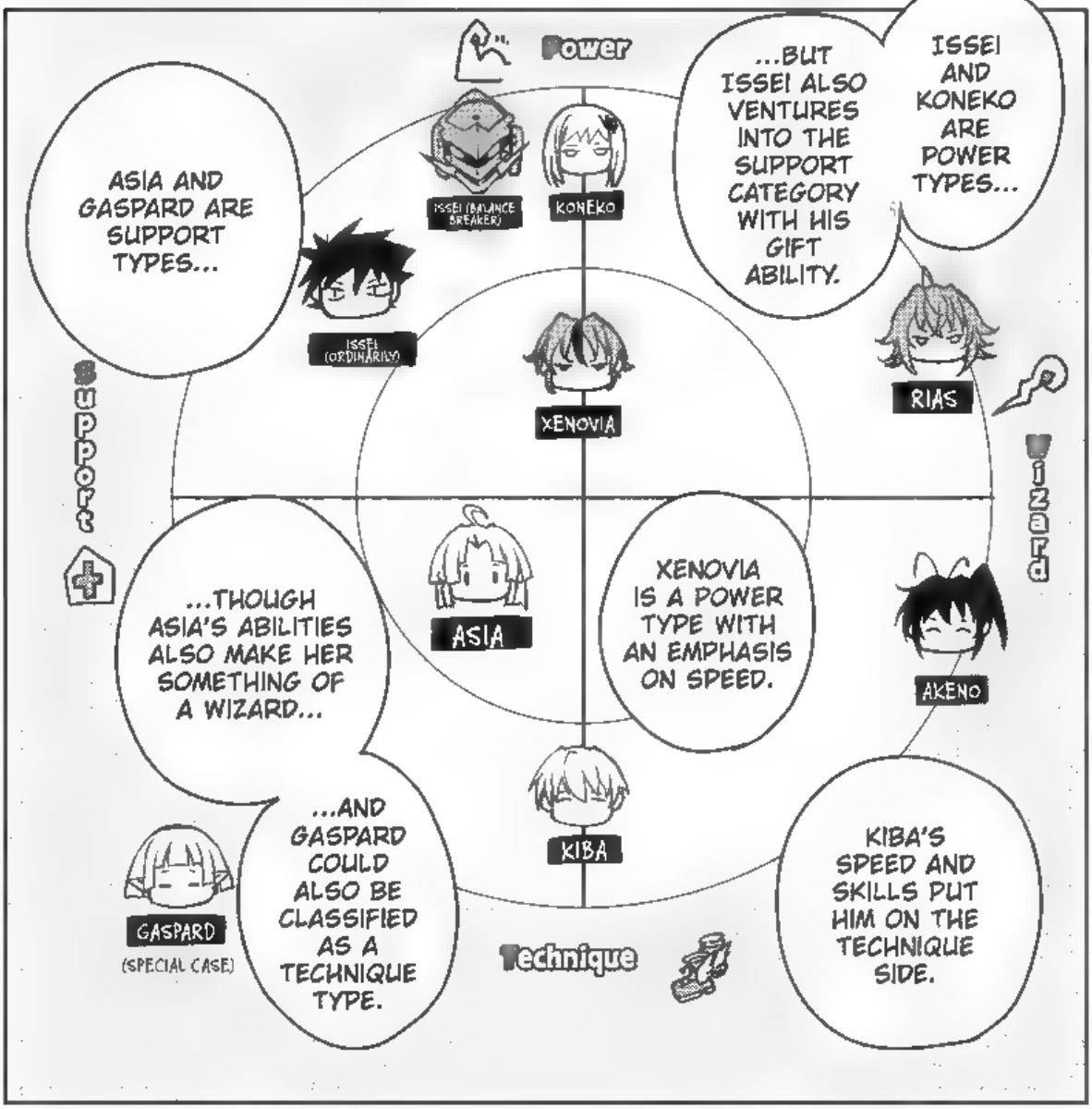
AND THAT'S KEY BECAUSE THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ENHANCING YOUR POWER AND BEING ABLE TO TRANSFER IT.
BUT RISKY OR NOT, YOUR BALANCE BREAKER IS VITAL AGAINST FIERCE OPPONENTS... IT'S A TRADE-OFF.
HOW LONG CAN YOU MAINTAIN IT?
HALF AN HOUR AT BEST...BUT LESS IF I'M USING A TON OF POWER.
NOT BAD CONSIDERING IT'S YOU WE'RE TALKING ABOUT— BUT STILL FAR TOO SHORT FOR A GAME THAT COULD GO ON FOR HOURS OR DAYS.
UM... MAYBE IF I COULD POKE 'EM ONE MORE TIME...
ANYHOW, PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO HOW YOU'LL SPEND YOUR TIME BEFORE TRANSFORMING DURING THE GAME TOMORROW...
DOSU (WHAP)
GAH!
...BECAUSE THAT'S BASICALLY YOUR FATAL FLAW.

RIAS. SITRI PRETTY MUCH KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR PEERAGE, RIGHT?
YES...SHE LIKELY REMEMBERS OUR CORE WEAPONS AND ABILITIES FROM THE BATTLE AGAINST RISER'S TEAM.


AND HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HER FORMATION?
"KING," "QUEEN," "ROOK," "KNIGHT," TWO "BISHOPS," AND TWO "PAWNS." EIGHT IN TOTAL.
SHE HASN'T RECRUITED A FULL TEAM YET EITHER, WHICH PUTS US ON EVEN FOOTING.

I KNOW OF THEIR ABILITIES TO AN EXTENT. SOHNA, THE COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT WHO SERVES AS HER QUEEN, A FEW OF THE OTHERS... BUT I'M IN THE DARK ABOUT SOME OF THEM.
SO THE ENEMY KNOWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS, WHILE SOME OF THEIRS REMAIN UNKNOWN FACTORS TO US...THAT'S A BIG DISADVANTAGE.

RIAS AND AKENO ARE WIZARD TYPES—PLAYERS WITH EXEMPLARY MAGIC POWER.
KYU (SQUEAK)
KYU
YOU'VE GOT FOUR—"POWER," "TECHNIQUE," "WIZARD," AND "SUPPORT."
I LIKE DIVIDING PLAYERS INTO TYPES.


Power
ISSEI AND KONEKO ARE POWER TYPES...
ISSEI (BALANCE BREAKER)
KONEKO
...BUT ISSEI ALSO VENTURES INTO THE SUPPORT CATEGORY WITH HIS GIFT ABILITY.
ASIA AND GASPARD ARE SUPPORT TYPES...
ISSEI (ORDINARILY)
XENOVIA
RIAS
Support
Wizard
...THOUGH ASIA'S ABILITIES ALSO MAKE HER SOMETHING OF A WIZARD...
ASIA
XENOVIA IS A POWER TYPE WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SPEED.
AKENO
KIBA
KIBA'S SPEED AND SKILLS PUT HIM ON THE TECHNIQUE SIDE.
GASPARD
(SPECIAL CASE)
...AND GASPARD COULD ALSO BE CLASSIFIED AS A TECHNIQUE TYPE.
Technique

HER TEAM TENDS TO LEAN TOWARD TECHNIQUE AND WIZARDS...
KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT SITRI'S TYPES?
THERE'S A LOT OF VARIATION IN THE REALM OF TECHNIQUE TYPES, BUT OUR POWER TYPES ARE PARTICULARLY OUTMATCHED BY THOSE WHO FOCUS ON COUNTERING.
POWER
ISSEI
XENOVIA
RIAS
WIZARD
ASIA
AKENO
KIBA
GASPARD
TECHNIQUE
WHEREAS OUR BALANCE IS SHIFTED IN THE POWER DIRECTION, WHICH IS POORLY MATCHED AGAINST TECHNIQUE TYPES.
...HONESTLY? HE'D RUN CIRCLES AROUND ME WITH THAT SPEED OF HIS. I PROBABLY WOULDN'T EVEN LAND A HIT.
ISSEI. YOU THINK YOU COULD WIN AGAINST KIBA, GOING ALL-OUT?
PRECISELY. BECAUSE KIBA TENDS TO USE COUNTERATTACKS.
...

BUT IF WE'RE UP AGAINST GIRLS...
...THAT SEEMS... UNLIKELY.
RIAS, IF SITRI'S PEERAGE HAS SKILLED COUNTER-USERS...
...THEY'RE LIKELY TO COME AFTER ISSEI. BETTER PLAN SOME GOOD STRATEGIES TO COPE.
ASIA
KIBA
...YOUR DRESS BREAK. GIRLS WILL WANT TO AVOID A FIGHT WITH YOU AT ALL COSTS.
THEY WILL!?
WHY'S THAT?
...AND WITH MY BALANCE BREAKER IN TOW, I WAS SURE I COULD MAKE IT WORK...
HMM...
WHAT A DRAG... NOT EVEN GONNA GET A CHANCE TO TEST THE NEW MOVE I WORKED SO HARD ON...

I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING YOU'LL EMERGE VICTORIOUS, BUT IT'S NOT A SURE BET.
SO HERE'S THE LAST PIECE OF ADVICE FROM ME DURING THIS TRAINING CAMP.
I'D SAY YOUR ODDS OF WINNING THIS GAME ARE 80% OR BETTER.
DON'T ASSUME YOU'LL WIN...
...BUT STAY FOCUSED ON VICTORY!

HOW DID IT GO, SAJI?
GREAT. I'VE TRAINED REALLY HARD FOR THIS.
I'M EXPECTING BIG THINGS FROM YOU, SAJI.
RIAS... WE...
WE WON'T...
...LOSE TO YOU.
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THANK YOU SO MUCH!
A SCRAPPED IDEA FOR THE COVER ART
OF COURSE, POOR RAVEL-SAN'S BRIEF REAPPEARANCE WASN'T ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY A SPOT ON THE COVER...
-HIROJI MISHIMA

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